

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by adding the new paragraph below. Support of the new paragraph is found in Figure 2, with reference to the element numbers and explanations in the new paragraph. Care has been taken not to add new matter.

After the last line on page 3 of the specification, add the following:

By way of further explanation, and with reference to Figure 2, the laminate may include at least four metal layers (10-13) and a respective plastic bonding layer (14-17) between each adjacent pair of the metal layers. Each of the metal layers may include a pair of metal layer sections (18-19), where each pair of metal layer sections has mutually overlapping ends (20-21) whose opposing surfaces are bonded to one another. In each pair, one of the mutually overlapping ends is displaced in a thickness direction of the laminate (i.e., transverse to the metal layers) to overlap the other of the mutually overlapping ends in the respective pair so that, except for the displaced one of the ends, the pair of metal layer sections are extensions of one another. Further, the mutually overlapping ends of each pair of metal layer sections do not overlap the mutually overlapping ends of any other pair of metal layer sections such that at the location of the mutually overlapping ends the laminate has a

uniform thickness (i.e., the laminate has a uniform thickness in the region of the four overlapping ends in Figure 2).

The laminate also includes a fill (24, 25) that may be at least one further metal layer, where the fill is spaced from and does not overlap any of the mutually overlapping ends and has a thickness such that at the location of the fill the laminate has a thickness equal to the uniform thickness of the laminate at said mutually overlapping ends (i.e., as shown in Figure 2, the laminate has the same uniform thickness in the region of the four overlapping ends and in the region of the fill at the right and left ends of Figure 2.) That is, the fill may be spaced laterally (left-right in Figure 2) from the mutually overlapping ends so as to avoid overlapping the mutually overlapping ends.